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TAGS: PFOR, PINT, SP, FR

SUBJECT: NEW SPANISH PRIME MINISTER VISITS PARIS

REF: MADRID 5380

1. THE NEW SPANISH PRIME MINISTER, ADOLFO SUAREZ, PAID UNEXPECTED LIGHTENING VISIT TO PARIS THIS MORNING FOR MEETING WITH CHIRAC. HE LEFT AGAIN FOR MADRID ALMOST IMMEDIATELY.

2. ACCORDING QUAI DIRECTOR SOUTHERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS GELADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT WERE MADE, AT SUAREZ' REQUEST, LAST WEEKEND, IN SUCH HURRY THAT MEDIUM LEVELS AT QUAI ARE STILL SOMEWHAT UNCLEAR AS TO WHO IN FACT WAS HERE AND WHAT HAPPENED. IF VISIT WENT AS PLANNED SUAREZ WAS TO HAVE BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY HIS INDUSTRY MINISTER AND HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, WHO WAS TO HAVE  
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JOINED HIM HERE FROM SPANISH CHIEFS OF MISSION MEETING

IN VIENNA. FOR PRESENT, GELADE WAS ONLY CERTAIN OF SUAREZ' PERSONAL MEETING WITH CHIRAC.

3. SUAREZ' PRINCIPAL PURPOSE IN COMING HERE, ACCORDING TO GELADE, WAS TO REASSURE FRENCH THAT HIS GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE BASIC REFORMS IN SPAIN, AND THAT NOTHING HAS CHANGED IN MADRID'S RESOLVE IN THAT REGARD THAT SHOULD CAUSE CONCERN. GELADE THOUGHT SUAREZ ALSO HOPED TO GO OVER KEY ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WITH CHIRAC, INCLUDING THE QUESTION OF SPAIN'S NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EEC.

4. QUAI DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR LEPRETTE CONFIRMED THIS APPRECIATION SAYING THAT SPANISH GOVERNMENT HAD FELT THAT, WITH DEPARTURE OF AREILZA AND IRIBARNE, IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO REASSURE FRENCH AND TO MAINTAIN CONTINUITY IN ITS CONTACTS WITH FRANCE AND OTHER EUROPEAN STATES.

5. SUAREZ HIMSELF RECEIVED A FEW SPANISH JOURNALISTS AFTER HIS MEETING WITH CHIRAC. ACCORDING TO AFP, SUAREZ SAID THAT HE HAD NOT COME TO PARIS TO "DISCUSS HIS GOVERNMENTAL PROGRAM" WITH CHIRAC, AND THAT THIS WAS ONLY FIRST OF SEVERAL VISITS HE PLANNED TO MAKE TO VARIOUS HEADS OF EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT A "COMMUNIQUE" REGARDING HIS PARIS VISIT WOULD BE RELEASED IN MADRID.

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